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RE: COMANDOS - L

FONT said that Comandos - L's base of operation would move from Miami to the Dominican Republic or Puerto Rico and inquired about the cost of supporting the families in Miami of the men who would be outside the United States. *Q & A per CIA's 2/8/66 letter. (u)*

MM T-2, an American businessman with many contacts among Dominican Nationals, on August 24, 1966, advised that CARLOS MARQUES STERLING, a former Cuban Ambassador presently living in the United States, the week before was in the Dominican Republic and would probably try to make arrangements in that country for military bases to be used by Cuban exiles. *Cuba (u)*

MM T-2 said that in the northwest section of the Dominican Republic in the Province of Monti Cristi, thousands of acres were owned and farmed by United Fruit Company, who later sold this property to the Granada Fruit Company, which is controlled by HAROLD TOPPLE of San Juan, Puerto Rico. TOPPLE, the owner of Pueblo Supermarkets in San Juan, has many contacts with anti-CASTRO Cuban exiles in San Juan, and a possibility existed that he would make some of this land available to Cuban exiles for military operations against Cuba. *(u)*

MM T-3, a Cuban exile who has been active in revolutionary matters for the past seven years, on August 26, 1966, advised that FONT continues to maintain his office in RECE headquarters but appeared to be unsuccessful in launching any military actions against Cuba. Since TONY CUESTA DEL VALLE was captured by the Cuban Government on a raid against Cuba, Comandos - L has been without leadership and has been incapable of launching raids against Cuba at this time. *(u)*

MM T-4, who has been active in Cuban revolutionary matters for the past six years and who is a close friend and associate of FONT, on August 31, 1966, stated that FONT is interested in buying a one-man helicopter in kit form from a firm in North Carolina. This helicopter could be launched from a small boat or from the water and could be used for reconnaissance and patrol in connection with raids against Cuba to be launched by Comandos - L. *(u)*

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